



Ohio Valley Goodwill Update

WINTER 2019

Celebrating 15 Years of CARE

Ohio Valley Goodwill was thrilled to celebrate the 15th anniversary of its award- winning Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education (CARE) program on Tuesday, September 24th. The event welcomed guests from Hamilton and Butler County DD Services, family members and other interested visitors. The Open House was held to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the personal enrichment program which serves more than 70 individuals weekly. Hallmarks of the CARE program are its diverse and plentiful opportunities for community involvement and participation offering more than 20 different options on a weekly basis. These daily and weekly outings include engagement in social activities as well as community volunteering as reflected by the expressed interests of program participants. CARE offers participation opportunities for individuals sponsored through four County Boards of Developmental Disabilities in

Ohio (Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren). The three CARE ambassadors, Eddie Morgan, Kristine Agoston and Colin Harbaugh were the stars of the formal program which took place during the event and served as the debut of the new video produced by Public Information Officer, Michael Flannery.

The CARE program is also currently accepting referrals and tours can be scheduled by calling Sharon Hannon, Marketing Director, at (513) 771-4800, ext. 6364.

Our most sincere Congratulations to CARE on its 15th Anniversary as well as to our CARE Ambassadors on such a wonderful Open House celebration.



Eddie Morgan



Kristine Agoston



Colin Harbaugh



Representatives Ingram, Kelly and Denson with Joe Byrum, President and CEO.

We are the community!

Ohio Valley Goodwill Welcomes State Representatives Denson, Kelly and Ingram! Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries was delighted to welcome State Representatives Sedrick Denson, (33), Brigid Kelly, (31), and Catherine Ingram, (32), for a tour of its Employment and Training Center on Monday, Sept. 9th. Goodwill President and CEO, Joe Byrum along with Marketing Director, Sharon Hannon, greeted the distinguished visitors and provided a comprehensive tour of the organization's headquarters. Management team members were on hand to provide more specific program information about their area of expertise Recreation and Education (CARE). Community Services.

including the Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education (CARE), Community Services, Veterans programs, Training opportunities as well as the Donation process.

The Representatives seemed very impressed with the diversity and scope of the organization's many programs and services which are provided to more than 3500 people annually and last year, helped 907 to get jobs in the community. Goodwill's overall economic impact was discussed as well as its role as a long-standing environmental steward. Our most sincere thanks to Representatives Denson, Kelly and Ingram for their interest in visiting Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries and learning more about the organization's vital programs for the citizens served in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Goodwill Team Working Hard to Support HCDDS Levy!

Ohio Valley Goodwill in partnership with a host of community agencies formed a Grassroots Committee in support of the 2019 Hamilton County DD services operating levy. The Committee was formed in an effort to support the levy campaign through social media strategies and other creative community outreach initiatives. As a more than 30 year partner of Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services (HCDDS) in providing employment, training and community integration programs, Ohio Valley Goodwill was pleased to facilitate the formation and efforts of the Grassroots Committee.



Eddie Morgan with Alice Pavey, Superintendent, HCDDS.

The critical operating levy provides 75% of the funds needed for Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services, (HCDDS), to continue offering vital services for children and adults with DD in Hamilton County. Hamilton County DD Services has a long history of community support and their last levy in 2014 was approved with unprecedented success. The Board is well known in the Greater Cincinnati community for its commitment to its mission of helping people with developmental disabilities to live, work and play in their community. As a long standing partner of Hamilton County DD Services, Ohio Valley Goodwill is fully involved in supporting the 2019 levy campaign on behalf of the thousands of individuals with DD that both agencies mutually serve. Please vote for Issue 21 on Election Day, November 5th. For more information about the 2019 HCDDS Levy campaign and how you can help support its successful passage, **visit http://www.ddslevy.org.**

Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services supports more than 7,800 people with DD in our community, from babies to seniors.



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Ohio Valley Goodwill congratulates the following individuals on their service and dedication.

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Erica Morris	15 years	Antwan
Olivia Williams	20 years	Angel Jo
Kibra Besera	25 years	Galen Ga
Esther Stratton	25 years	Gary Fin
Aaron Tillman	15 years	Carolyn
Gregory Thorpe	5 years	Beverly
Vanessa Cornett	15 years	Todd Scl
Gary Stewart	5 years	Nikki Ca
Shannon Tolley	20 years	Wilbur N
Becky Creech	30 years	
Alyson Brinck	5 years	Rehabil
Maria Baique	5 years	Lee Mau
Nancy Medina	10 years	Ebony S
Kathy Blanton	5 years	Katina W
Miranda Warren	5 years	Vickie Br
Toni Snow	15 years	Lois Kra
Shonda Rowland	10 years	Geno Sir
Donald Partin	10 years	Jason W
Christopher Otten	5 years	Carol Mo
Jeffrey Kennedy	5 years	Connor
Eric Scott	20 years	Terrence
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Queen Bees at Goodwill Photo Booth



Queen Bee Guests with Kristine Agoston, CARE

Goodwill Royal Sponsor of 2019 Queen Bee Half Marathon

Held October 11th and 12th in downtown Cincinnati, the Queen Bee Half and 4 Miler events are designed to empower women and promote health and fitness. As a proud partner and sponsor of the Queen Bee, Goodwill welcomed hundreds of delighted runners to its ever popular "Bee-Tique" at the Expo as well as the buzz-worthy "Selfie" station right next door. This year, CARE participants helped out at the "Selfie" booth making it a memorable experience for every Queen Bee in attendance.

More than 6500 participants showed off their brand new shades as part of Goodwill's Royal Sponsorship support.

The lucky winner of the Spa Pampering basket was announced at the post-race party at Lytle Park on Saturday, October 12th.



Iris Simpson Bush, Sharon Hannon and Sarah Pelfrey at Post-Race.



Wells Fargo Check Presentation

Goodwill Receives High Impact Grant from Wells Fargo

Ohio Valley Goodwill was pleased to welcome Kendra Bach, Terri Bethel, Brent Dapper, Matt Schmitz and Pat Lillie from Wells Fargo on Monday, July 29th for a check presentation and tour of its Employment and Training Center. The organization is the grateful recipient of a High Impact Grant from Wells Fargo for its Veterans programs. The grant in the amount of \$93,420 is to be used to provide emergency housing assistance and employment-related aid to 150 extremely low/low income individuals and/or families. The primary goals of the grant are to help individuals to achieve economic and personal independence through employment and housing stability. Individuals served are residents of four counties including Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren.

For more than twenty-five years, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries has offered programs and services specifically designed to meet the needs of military veterans both in terms of employment as well as housing. Ohio Valley Goodwill is grateful to Wells Fargo for their award of the High Impact Grant which will assist our nation's veterans and others challenged with homelessness to attain economic and personal independence and individual success. To find out more about Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries program and services for military veterans, visit **www.cincinnatigoodwill.org/services.**

Goodwill provides assistance to qualifying veterans with career planning, job placement, and finding housing. Also residential programs, counseling, food, clothing and monetary assistance.

> Joseph S. Byrum, President & CEO Charles Wright, Chairman Board of Directors Sharon Hannon, Newsletter Editor

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